उपलब्ध है। वार्षिक आधार पर प्रकाशित की जाने वाली यह विवरिणिका लोक सभा पुस्तकालय को उपलब्ध कराई जाती है। वर्ष 1991-92, 1992-93 तथा 1993-94 के दौरान भारत को किए गए आयात का सकल मूल्य नीचे दिया गया है :—

वर्ष	करोड़ रु० में	मिलियन अमरीका डालर
1991-92	47851	19411
1992-93	63375	21882
1993-94	72806	23212

(ख) हमारे अधिकांश आयात घरेलू खपत के लिए वस्तुओं के निर्यात तथा निर्यात उत्पादन के लिए आवश्यक निदेश हैं। निर्यात संवर्धन एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है, तथा सरकार और व्यापार एवं उद्योग के बीच सहयोगपूर्ण प्रयास है। व्यापार, उद्योग तथा निर्यात संवर्धन संगठनों के साथ विचार विमर्श करके निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। राज्यों से और ज्यादा सहयोग मांगा जा रहा है तथा उस संबंध में सरकार ने केन्द्र द्वारा सहायता प्राप्त निर्यात संवर्धन औद्योगिक पार्क (ई पी आई पी) स्कीम नामक एक योजना तैयार की है।

Implication of auctioning rupee credits credits

33. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit to Moscow the Commerce Minister discussed with the host Government the implications of auctioning Rupee credits;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme that have been provided by the Russian Government; and

(c) the implications of this that have been examined and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The issue of auctions of a part of debt repayment funds owned by India to Russia, came up for discussion during the Commerce Minister's talks with Russian Ministers, in the course of Prime Minister's visit to Moscow (29 June—2 July, 1994).

(b) and (c) The Russian Government conveyed that they are considering the idea of allocating a part of the rupees available under the repayment account to importers through auctions. The proposal is, however, at the preliminary stage and would involve using only a part of the annual repayment funds. The first experimental auction is yet to take place and the two governments have agreed to consult each other on this issue.

Creation of free trade zones

34. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest proposals for creating Free Trade Zones in the country;

(b) the names of cities, towns or areas for which proposals have been received for the creation/set-up of such Free Trade Zones;

(c) the details of proposal from the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat in this regard; and

(d) the criterion for creating free trade zones in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED). (a) The Government has recently decided to permit establishment of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) by the private|joint sector or State Governments.

(b) and (c) Two proposals have been received from the private sector for setting up Export Processing Zones at Bombay and Sachin, Dist. Surat (Gujarat).

(d) Policy, procedures and benefits in respect of units in EPZs would also apply in the case of EPZs developed by private|joint sector or State Governments. EPZ promoters would have to fulfil the prescribed requirements of security as well as relevant customs laws and procedures, bear this custom bonding charges, comply with local industrial, labour or other laws and rules|regulations in regard to area planning.

Eztension of credit to Russia importers

35. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has decided to extend 180 days credit to all importers, wishing to buy goods, from India;

(b) whether this is likely to help in the repayment of Rs. 36,000 crore owned by India to Russia as the legacy of the Rupee-Rouble Trade Agreement and if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Russia also propose to auction their Rupee reserve; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Russian side conveyed to us during the visit of Mr. Y. F. Yarov, Dy. Prime Minister of Russia (3—7 June, 1994) hat the Russian Government was propsoing to offer the facility of 180 days deferred payment to importers purchasing goods in rupees from India against debt repayment funds. However, the poposal has not yet been formally announced.

(c) and (d) The Russian Government has conveyed that they are considering the idea of allocating a part of the rupees available under the repayment account to importers through auctions. The proposal is, however, at the preliminary stage and would involve using only a part of the annual repayment funds.

Growth rate of exports

36. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of Indian Exports during April-May, 1994 was 9.66 per cent as compared to the growth rate of 28 per cent during the same months in the year 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what immediate remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) In US $ terms, exports during April-May, 1994 are estimated at $ 3793 million as against US $ 3459 million during April-May, 1993, signifying a growth of 9.66 percent. Exports during April-May, 1993-94 had registered a growth of 30 percent over the corresponding period of previous year, the reasons for the modest export growth are withdawal of IPRS affecting engineering ex-